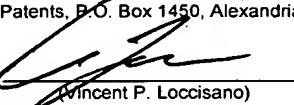


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#### **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2005 (Paper No. 042605), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 8 of this paper.